

[25th August 1926]

I

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new Members were sworn in:—

1. Mr. CECIL BERNARD COTTERELL, C.I.E., I.C.S.
2. Diwan Bahadur Sir T. SADASIYA AYYAR, Kt.
3. M.R.Ry. P. VENKATARAMANA RAO NAYUDU Garu.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15 on the 4th December, 1924.]

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Assignment of Lands.

Disafforested land in Kudiramoli reserve in Tinnevely.

* 2275 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) when the disafforested land in Kudiramoli reserve in Tinnevely district will be disposed of;

(b) whether the Government have come to any final settlement as to the method of disposal—either by auction or under darkhast rules;

(c) whether any petition has been recently submitted to the Government on the matter by the village panchayat of Kachinavelai, and

(d) whether the petition submitted by the Hakudar of Tiruparantteeswarar temple as to the land on which palmyra trees belonging to the temple are standing has been disposed of?

A.—(a) The Government are not in possession of the information.

(b) The method of disposing of the land is under the rules within the discretion of the Collector, and the Government do not propose to interfere in the matter.

(c) A petition was received by Government. It was transferred to the Collector for disposal.

(d) No petition has been received from the Hakudar of Tiruparantteeswarar temple.

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Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ With reference to clause (a) may I know whether the Government will be pleased to call for the information as several inhabitants are interested in the affair ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ The information that I can now give is that it will be disposed of. But I hardly think that that is what the hon. Member wants.”

Public Services.

Increments to unpassed clerks.

* 2276 Q—Mr. Chavadi K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications for exemption from unpassed clerks received after the issue of G.O. No. 1478, Law (Education), dated 25th August 1925 ;

(b) the number of unpassed candidates previously exempted by the Government for promotion above Rs. 20 in the old scale who drew increments but were affected by G.O. No. 773, Law (Education), dated 3rd May 1926 ;

(c) the number exempted by the heads of departments under the powers delegated to them under G.O. No. 722, Law (Education), dated 13th June 1922 ; and

(d) the circumstances under which the unpassed clerks were allowed to draw increments till the end of 1925 ?

A.—(a) The question is not understood. The Government would not have received applications for exemption as heads of departments had then the power to exempt. The power was withdrawn only in G.O. No. 773, Law (Education), dated 3rd May 1926.

(b) If a candidate was exempted from the Public Service Notification by Government, he is not affected by G.O. No. 773, Law (Education), dated 3rd May 1926. If he was exempted only up to a specified limit in the old graded scale of pay, it is only paragraph 3 (i) of G.O. No. 773, Law (Education), dated 3rd May 1926, that will affect him. The number is not known.

(c) The number will not be known till the Government get the lists called for in paragraph 3 (iii) of G.O. No. 773, Law (Education), dated 3rd May 1926.

(d) The Government are not aware that unexempted clerks have been allowed to draw increments after the issue of G.O. No. 164, Law (Education), dated 4th February 1925.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ When the Government issued the order in August 1925, were they not aware that Collectors had reported that certain unexempted clerks had been permitted to receive increments ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ Not after the issue of G.O. No. 164, Law (Education), dated 4th February 1925.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ Was it not with regard to that Government Order that representations were received from the Collectors that there were some difficulties with regard to its interpretation, and was it not subsequent to that that G.O. No. 1478, dated 25th August 1925, was issued ? ”